

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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CITY OF
SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY



Councilmember Kansen Chu plants trees with students and Our City Forest at Morrill Middle



Councilmember Kansen Chu attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lower Guadalupe River Trail.



Councilmember Kansen Chu hosts a Gang Prevention Training for Parents at Berryessa Youth Center.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

I am honored to be elected as your Councilmember, to work with my colleagues on the Council, and most importantly, to continue serving the residents in our community in a new capacity. My goal is to continue to ensure that our communities have a say in city projects, adopt standards for a clean sustainable future, and keep our city safe by working together with communities across the city.

My vision and goal for our district can only be achieved with your help. I strongly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most vital components to building a better community.

I encourage residents to increase wider community involvement through participation in volunteer, civic, and social events.

The success in our city depends on all of you, our community members. Together, we can make a difference for our neighborhoods, schools, communities, and city.

Best Regards,



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Sign up for regular updates from District 4:

Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so we can add you to our email list.

Kansen's Blog: www.kansenchu.com/blog

District 4's Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4/>

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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Councilmember Kansen Chu invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to help handle questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Chu on any of the listed dates, please call the office at (408) 535-4904.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Berryessa Branch Library
Study Room C
2:00PM-4:00PM

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Alviso Branch Library
Community Room
10:00AM-12:00PM

MONDAY, MAY 19

Berryessa Community Ctr.
Room 2
1:30PM-2:30PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Berryessa Branch Library
Community Room
10:00AM-12:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Berryessa Branch Library
Study Room C
6:00PM-8:00PM

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

North Valley Community Association

Adopt A Park at Northwood Park

Once a month, on the third Sunday of the month, community members gather at Northwood Park under the leadership of Kim Gomez to pick up litter and clean the park, the streets, and the playgrounds surrounding Northwood Elementary School. Also, twice a month, during the school year, a team of students from Northwood's after-school program pick up litter and clean up the Northwood Park area. So, it is not surprising that this group has earned the Adopt-A-Park Clean Up Award from the City of San Jose at the end of 2006 and Northwood Elementary School has won the cleanest school award in 2005.

Adopt-A-Park is the longest running project of the NVCA organization. Amber Henderson was the first to envision and put together this project in 2004. It has continued every year since 2004 without fail. Project leadership smoothly changed hands from Amber Henderson to Michael Cruz and finally to Kim Gomez. These dedicated project leaders have given the residents (especially the students) a way to make a positive impact in their community throughout the past 4 years. They have shown our children that we can all make a difference.



The next Adopt-A-Park clean-up date is June 15 (Sunday) from 9am to 10am. New members will need to fill out a volunteer application for the city's Adopt-A-Park program. Look for the little red wagon holding the clean up supplies!

To learn more about this project, please contact Kim Gomez at k-gomez@att.net



NVCA Christmas Carols at Berryessa Library.

Councilmember Chu with volunteers at the Great American Litter Pick-up in Alviso.





Neighborhood Groups

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Center
Contact: Mike Flaughter
mikeflaughter@yahoo.com

Independence High Neighborhood Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA
Contact: Dale Warner
ihna@dalewarner.com

North Valley Community Association

Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA
Contact: Rachel Bahn
Rachel.bhan.lxn6@statefarm.com
To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to:
NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room
Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen
Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

BCAC Berryessa History Project

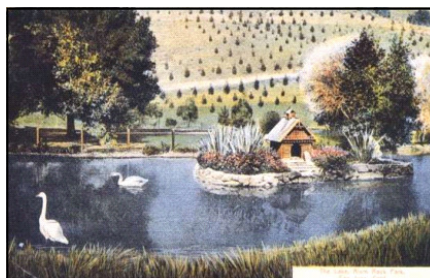
Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (BCAC) kicked off an ongoing program for the community called *History of Berryessa*, at their April 14th meeting. The evening's event was a presentation by Mike Boulland highlighting the history of the family whose name the area bears. Mike Boulland is an author, educator, historian and community volunteer that has coauthored a book on the early history of the valley. As Mike revealed through his presentation the Berryessa family was key to the history of the valley, the founding of the state and even the right of women to own property in the United States. BCAC plans to have more events in the future and have wider participation involving projects with the schools, library and community center.

"The purpose of the effort is to let people know of the rich history of the area in which they live and promote a sense of community", as stated by BCAC president Mike Flaughter in his opening comments. "Knowing the history of a place helps connect you to it, it helps you to take pride in where you live and that brings many social and community benefits." "We hope this will help create a sense of place for the residents of Berryessa."

To learn more, please contact Mike Flaughter at: mikeflaughter@yahoo.com or go to www.bcaonline.org.



Berryessa Fruit Growers Union, Circa 1920



Lake Penitencia Creek Postcard, Date Un.



Falls at Alum Rock Park,
Date Unknown



D4's Dwight Mensinger, a cardiac arrest survivor, speaks to participants at the AED, First Aid, & CPR course.



Trainees at the AED, First Aid, & CPR training in Berryessa practices a hands-on scenario with a choking victim.

Fire Station #19 Update

Many concerned residents have contacted my office regarding the status of the property on the southwest corner of Piedmont Road and Sierra Road that the City has decided to relocate Fire Station #19 to.

The construction of the new Fire Station 19 is part of the Public Safety Bond Projects. There was a community meeting conducted in January in which community members were very supportive of the project. The City is now in the process of accepting bids for construction of the facility. We can expect construction to start in July 2008 and completion in September 2009. The adjacent site of the former Nation's Restaurant continues to be privately owned and the City does not have plans to acquire the property. Regardless, my office continues to follow its status very closely to make sure any future developments will be approved by the community.

Conceptual Rendering of Fire Station #19



AED, First Aid, & CPR Training in District 4

In March and April 2008, Councilmember Kansen Chu collaborated with San José Fire Department to bring Training to District 4. Councilmember Chu was able to assist in having over 40 District 4 residents certified by the American Heart Association for AED, First Aid, & CPR for the next two years.

Missed the trainings? Call the D4 Office so we may assist you in attending other dates offered by the Fire Department.

Your San José Police Department Captains

San José Police Department

Foothill Division Captain

Captain Ernesto Alcantar

ernesto.alcantar@sanjoseca.gov

Central Division Captain

Captain Phan Ngo

phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov



Captain Alcantar and Lieutenant Spicer attend Gang Prevention Training for Parents in District 4.



CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 4 FOR HAVING THE LARGEST VOLUNTEER TURNOUT IN THE CITY FOR THE 2008 GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK-UP!

On April 12, 2008, almost 400 District 4 volunteers out of approximately 1,000 total participants in the whole city volunteered at the Berryessa location and the Alviso location. Let's continue to keep District 4 clean!



Volunteers at the 2008 Great American Litter Pick-up at the Berryessa Location.

North San José Neighborhoods Taskforce

The creation of the North San José Task Force was a campaign promise that I kept. The taskforce, which completed its work in March 2008, has had the responsibility of assessing what their neighborhoods need for schools, parks, trails, transportation, fire, police, retail amenities, and residential development in relation to economic development in North San José. Our community's active involvement in the redevelopment of North San José has provided enormous beneficial changes to what will make the city an even better place to live.

On April 22, the City Council heard the result of the North San José Neighborhoods Planning Taskforce that I formed with Mayor Chuck Reed 8 months ago. I want to thank the taskforce members for 15 meetings of intense planning work focused on making North San José an even better place to live, work, and play in the next 20 years. The Council approved over 150 guiding principles which will serve as the basis for the Implementation Strategy to be developed in the next 4 months. The Taskforce will reconvene to provide their input to the strategy document.

The taskforce, chaired by my office, comprises of residents, industrial developers and property owners, San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the South Bay Labor Council. I would like to thank the following Taskforce members for their tireless efforts and their commitment for attending meetings weekly to provide the city guiding principles that will be used for years to come.

Mike Bertram - River Oaks
Don Bragg - Irvine Apartment
Mike Flaughner - Berryessa
Joseph Fota - Rosemary Gardens
Bob Gross - Alviso (environment)
Lonnie Gross - Berryessa
Kerri Hamilton - North Valley
Jody Hansen - Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Hiat - Westwinds
Art Kennedy - CarrAmerica
Curtis Leigh - Hunter/Storm
Jean Marlowe - River Oaks
Tom McCarter - Lamplighter/Oakcrest
Sarah Muller - South Bay Labor Council
Sukhdeep Sidhu - Northpark
Steve Menke - Northpark
Tim Steele - Sobrato Development

NORTH SAN JOSE AREA DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Approved in June 2005, the revised North San José Area Development Policy created a plan for the development of research and development, office, residential, and retail space and a \$570 million infrastructure improvement package to support a 25 year project. North San José area has become the preeminent location for driving industrial uses within the City of San José. The core of this area, referred to as "Innovation Triangle," is the industrial park land located within San José north of US Highway 101, west of Interstate 880 or Coyote Creek and south of State Route 237. This area houses many high-tech industries, including some leading corporations that have located their headquarters along the North First Street and Zanker Road corridors.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet the District 4 Team



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FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, North San José Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Neighborhoods Commission, Media Relations, National Issues, Sister City, Office Technology, and Personnel.

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Berryessa Neighborhood, Budget, Parks & Recreation, Seniors, Youth, Disability, Office Technology, Code Enforcement, and Neighborhood Clean-ups

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Neighborhood Services and Education.

Kathy Duong, Policy Analyst

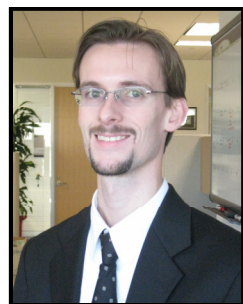
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Alviso Neighborhood, Environment, Transportation, Public Safety, Public Art, State Issues, Labor, Code Enforcement, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support, Transportation & Environment.



District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email us to receive e-Notices.

MAY

2008 COMMUNITY
BUDGET MEETING
10:00AM-12:00PM

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Alviso Community and
Youth Center

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BERRYESSA FARMERS
MARKET OPENING DAY
9:00AM-1:00PM

Occurs every Saturday
Berryessa Union School
District Parking Lot

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Councilmember Chu's
INDOOR PET
ADOPTION AND
INFORMATION FAIR
1:00PM-4:00PM
Berryessa Community Center

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BERRYESSA ART
AND WINE FESTIVAL
1:00PM-4:00PM
Berryessa Community
Center

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CITY BUDGET PUBLIC
HEARING For the pro-
posed '08/'09 Budget
7:00PM
City Hall Council
Chambers



Councilmember Chu with District 4
Youth Commissioner Kimberly Loo.



Councilmember Kansen Chu with Ruskin
Elementary at the Governor's Fit Challenge.

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EDUCATIONAL PARK
BRANCH LIBRARY "MEET
THE ARTIST" Public Art Mtg.
7:00PM-8:00PM
Educational Park Branch
Library

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The Mayor's Gang Prevention
Task Force: CENTRAL DIVISION
GANG & YOUTH VIOLENCE
COMMUNITY MEETING
6:00PM-8:30PM
City Hall Wing Committee Rooms

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DISTRICT 4 NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION CAUCUS
9:00AM-12:00PM
Berryessa Library

JUNE

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NVCA GENERAL MEETING
Occurs every 1st Monday
7:00PM
Orchard Elementary School

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BCAC GENERAL MEETING
Occurs every 2nd Monday
7:00PM
Berryessa Community Ctr

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NVCA ADOPT A PARK
9:00AM-10:00AM
Occurs every 3rd Sunday
Northwood Park &
Northwood Elementary

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
With Councilmember Chu and
Assemblymember Beall
8:00AM-10:00AM
Berryessa Community Center
Please RSVP at (408) 535-4904

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ALVISO POOL GRAND OPENING
4:00PM-7:00PM
George Mayne Elementary
5030 North First Street



Councilmember Kansen Chu visits Mrs. Yee-Fong's
2nd Grade class at Summerdale Elementary.



Piedmont Hills High School's Concert Choir
performs at a City Council Meeting for Invocation.



Councilmember Chu and Mayor Reed honors the
Morrill Middle School Basketball team for winning
the Mayor's Tournament.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (408) 929-9453	<p>The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley</p>
Adopt A Creek Program (408) 265-2607 ext. 2945 Web:www.valleywater.org	<p>There are more than 800 miles of streams in Santa Clara County that need cleaning. The water district works very hard year round to maintain the health of these creeks, but they can not do it alone. They need help from citizens like you who act as stewards for the cleanliness of our community and environment throughout the year.</p>
Adopt A Park Program (408) 793-4190 Web:www.sjadoptapark.org	<p>Adopt a Park Program's main goal is to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by ongoing volunteer support, and to educate San José residents about the importance of parks and open spaces.</p>
Bread Program Contact: Joe Young (408) 821-3705	<p>The Bread Program collects bread from popular bakeries throughout the Bay Area and redistributes to Community Organizations and residents throughout District 4.</p>
Friends of the Library Program (408) 808-2181	<p>Contact the Berryessa Library Volunteer Information regarding a wide array of volunteer opportunities!</p>
Santa Visits Alviso Web: www.alvisosanta.com	<p>Please visit www.alvisosanta.com or email Richard Santos at rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us for more volunteer information for the event in December.</p>

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